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SUBJ: MALLOUM VISITS SUDAN

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1. CHAD PRESIDENT FELIX MALLOUM ARRIVED KHARTOUM AT NOON APRIL 5 FOR BRIEF VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR LOWASTIGE, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE AND LT. MAHMOUD ABDEL RAHMAN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE. BOTH MINISTERS ARE MEMBERS OF SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. MALLOUM WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY NIMEIRI AND FIRST V.P. ABUL GASSIM. AFTER OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS IN KHARTOUM APRIL 6, MALLOUM AND PARTY WILL MAKE SIMILAR VISITS TO NIGER AND LIBYA. MALLOUM TOLD PRESS AT AIRPORT GUS MISSION WAS TO THANK NIMEIRI FOR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN CHAD.

2. PRESS REPORTED SEPARATE MEETING APRIL 5 WITH ABUL GASSIM DURING WHICH MALLOUM AGAIN EXPRESSED THANKS AND
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SATISFACTION WITH ABUL GASSIM'S ROLE IN CHADIAN RECONCILIATION. DISCUSSION OF JUNE CONFERENCE IN SHEBHA FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CEASEFIRE, PRISONERS EXCHANGE, AND FORMATION OF QUADRILATERAL MILITARY COMMITTEE. ABUL GASSIM EXPRESSED KEENNESS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS OF FIRST SEBHA CONFERENCE.

3. "RESPONSIBLE SOURCE" TRAVELING WITH MALLOUM TOLD

SUNA APRIL 6 THAT ALL PARTIES IN CHAD HAD OBSERVED CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND THAT CHADIANS ALL WARMLY WELCOMED NIMEIRI'S HELP IN RESTORING NATIONAL UNITY AND STABILITY. ALSO ON APRIL 6, SUNA FEATURED LENGTHY REPORT OF CHAD MEDIATION EFFORTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER RASHID AL-TAHIR TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. RASHID INDICATED QADDAFI'S COOPERATION WITH NIMEIRI WAS START OF RECONCILIATION EFFORT IN CHAD TO WHICH MALLOUM RESPONDED COMMENDABLY. RASHID EXPLAINED JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH CALLS FOR NEXT MEETING IN SEBHA ON JUNE 7 AND SAID CHAD GOVERNMENT AND FROLINAT WILL THEREAFTER DRAW UP POLITICAL PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL UNITY.

5. COMMENT: SENIOR SUDANESE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 5 THAT HE WAS SUMMONED TO ATTEND AIRPORT ARRIVAL OF MALLOUM AND PARTY WITH VERY LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE "IN AFRICAN MANNER" WHICH SUGGESTS MALLOUM DECIDED ONLY AT LAST MOMENT TO VISIT SUDAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES. WE SHALL REPORT ADDITIONAL INFO RE VISIT AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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